

## FIREBUG MADE ONE GREAT TORCH OF A BUILDING

Oil-Soaked Oakum Stuffed In  
to Walls of Every Room  
In Dwelling.

MATCHES SCATTERED.

Occupants All Away When  
Blaze That Didn't Devas-  
tate Was Started.

It is a matter of amazement to the firemen who were called to a blaze in a two-story dwelling at No. 534 Vermont avenue, East New York, early to-day, that the building was standing when they arrived. They describe it as the most elaborate plant for an incendiary fire that the department of this city has ever encountered.

The building is owned by Morris Weintraub, who bought it last September. It is occupied by Weintraub, his wife, his brother-in-law, Nathan Weisman, and Mrs. Weisman. Each couple has one child. Both families left home early yesterday morning to attend a wedding in Apollo Hall, Manhattan.

A passerby at 2 o'clock this morning saw smoke sitting through the basement windows, and turned in an alarm. There was a prompt response and the blaze was soon extinguished. It was confined to the basement and the first floor.

Oakum Soaked With Oil.

The fireman in charge of the fire-fighting force detected a strong odor of kerosene, and when the fire was out he had his men make an investigation. They discovered that in every room in the house the plaster and lath had been removed from a portion of the wall and into the open space had been stuffed packages of oakum, soaked with kerosene.

Oil-soaked oakum had been stuffed into bureau drawers, closets and under beds and couches. Thousands of matches were scattered around the house, on the floors, between the sheets on the beds and under rugs and carpets. A quart bottle of benzine was found in a dresser drawer.

The fire was started in the basement, but the incendiary closed the house so tightly that the progress of the blaze was slow. When the firemen arrived they followed their opening of doors and windows with streams of water so rapidly that the draught had no opportunity to carry the fire through the rooms.

Denies Firebug Plot.

About an hour after the fire was out Weintraub and Weisman and their wives and children appeared. They said they had just returned from the wedding. Policemen took them to the library avenue station, where the men, after being closely questioned, were held on suspicion. The women and children were allowed to go.

Weintraub and Weisman said they had their furniture insured for \$200 and Weintraub said he had insurance on the house. Both denied that they had anything to do with fixing up the building for a fire. Neither could recall the name of an enemy who might have broken in and set fire to the building.

YACHT HELD AT QUARANTINE

Disinfection Awaited Wakiva After

16,000 Mile Cruise.

When the steam yacht Wakiva, with L. V. Harkness, her owner, and a party of friends on board, came in last night, after a 16,000 mile cruise, she was detained at Quarantine because of two cases of sickness among her crew. The nature of the illness was not determined. The sick men were transferred to Seaboard Island for observation. The Wakiva had been absent four months. She was as far south as Buenos Ayres, and visited twenty ports, including some in the West Indies. Mr. Harkness had as guests Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Harkness, Miss Barrett and Mrs. S. M. Cooper.

## SUGAR AND LEAD BEST OF THE STOCKS

With American Locomotive  
They Lift the List to  
Profitable Level.

Stocks started strong and brisk to-day, a number of the important leaders making good gains. These ranged up to 1-1/2 in American Sugar and Consolidated Gas and a point in American Locomotive, National Lead and Great Northern Ore Certificates. Atchafson and Siding ruled 1-1/2 lower and a block of 5,000 shares of United States Steel changed hands at from 34-3/8 to 34-5/8. There was a reaction later in the session and the general list lost all gains and ruled 1-1/2 lower than Saturday's closing. Exceptions were Sugar, which ran up gain up to 4 points; National Lead 4-1/2 and American Locomotive 2-3/8. Trading continued active.

The depression in the market was overcome when the bulls started a campaign in Canadian Pacific and the Hill stocks. All of the favorites were bought on a rising scale, but the demand for most of the railroad stocks waned when they had got up to about Saturday's closing. The buyers had in American Sugar. Was attributed to the favorable annual statement, which was also the first annual report of the company's operations ever made public. Canadian Pacific jumped 3 points. Great Northern advanced 1-1/2, the Ore Certificates, 2-1/8. Business securities, 2, and Northern Pacific, Northwest, Pullman, American Express, Union Pacific, Rock Island, first preferred and Western Union, 1 to 1-1/8. Louisville and Nashville fell 1-1/4. Bonds were irregular.

The gas stocks were heavily bought, Brooklyn Union Gas soaring 10 points and Consolidated Gas 3-3/8.

The total sales of stocks were 719,100 shares and of bonds \$2,012,000.

The Closing Prices.

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